

A full and True
ACCOUNT
 Of a Strange
APPARITION,
 THAT

Two Months last past hath frequently Appeared and Haunted
 the House of Mr. S—^{ge} in

HERREY-TREE-ALLEY,

NEAR

St. Pauls-Church-Fields, by the *Artillery-wall*, in
 the County of *Middlesex*.

is very frequent amongst the Multitude to
 disbelieve those things of which their own
 Eyes were never Witnesses: upon which Ac-
 count any thing that is Novel seems so far from
 them, that scarce one in a Thousand will give
 credit thereunto, and more especially in that
 of *Apparitions*; of which the following Ac-
 count is so Notorious, that it is enough to con-
 vince Infidelity it self. And that no Person
 whatsoever (even in this Incredulous Age) may
 take Scurple to believe the same, he need only

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give himself the trouble to repair to the place in the Title directed, and he shall have sufficient Satisfaction to clear all his Doubts touching the same; the true Relation whereof follows.

The House now in the Possession of Mr. S—ge, in the place aforesaid, was in the late dreadful Sicknes in London, commonly made use of as a *Pest-house*, for the more Gentle sort of Persons, who would not expose themselves to the general House made use of for that purpose: And as most People conclude, the Persons that then kept the same, did not so fairly use such as were their Patients; insomuch, as it is credibly reported that after the Death of a Gentleman of a good Quality, who there departed this Life, the House was usually Haunted, and the Persons who then lived therein were so much Affrighted with the usual Appearance of a certain Apparition, that they were forced to get Ministers and others who undertook to lay and quiet the same for some time, which being since expired, for about two or three Months last past the same hath again Appeared, and so Affrighted the Master and the rest of his Family, that the same is now become publick, and grown so familiar with all the House, that they

it with much less Astonishment then when it
 first Appeared; and what quiets them the more
 that no Person of the Family hath recieved the
 least Detriment thereby; and tho sometimes it
 may Appear in several shapes, as that of a *Man*
Dog; yet as it is Harmless, they now scarce
 fear it; the Report of which hath encouraged
 several Persons to Attempt the Lodging in the
 old House, and particularly one who pretend-
 ed to be a *Cunning-Man*, who with two or three
 more undertook to come one Night and
 with the same Appearance: in order where-
 to having laid in some Bottles of Wine and
 good Fire made, they sat up: but being told
 by some Persons that for their further security
 was the best way to lay two *Swords* a cross at
 the entrance of the Door, and that then tho
 the *Apparition* might appear, it would not enter
 the Room, and so accordingly the same fell
 out, for that about twelve or one of the Clock
 they could see the same pass by and look into
 the Room where they were, yet did it not
 presume to enter thierinto, whereby they had
 the satisfaction of proving the Truth of what
 they came to see: without the further fear, or
 nearer approach of the *Apparition* then the pas-
 sage before the Door, in their view as aforesaid:

yet did not the same so patiently deal with them who were the Servants of the House, and he above Stairs, for that being disappointed below it went up Stairs into the Garret, where the Servants lay and pul'd the Cloths from their Beds whereby it put them to so great an Astonishment that they never were before so Affrighted thereof, which being told amongst some of the Neighbours they were very inquisitive of the Truth of the story, and one that was a Maid Servant in the House next adjoyning thereto being in her self perswaded that there was some Truth in the Relation, did so far prevail with Mr. S—ge, that the next Night she was admitted to Lodge in the House, and being very Confident, went to Bed all alone; yet having from the former Relation some sort of Apprehension, she kept her Candle alight and shut her Door fast to her: Yet notwithstanding all this Confidence and Presumption, about the usual time of the Appearance the same entred into the Room, and coming near to the Bed which was Habited like a Countrey Gentleman, he drew the Curtains and laid his Hands on the Bedclothes and by degrees pulled off first the upper Rugs and then the Blankets, which she percieving she pull'd the same to her again and contend-

the Mastery till at last the *Ghost* became so Off-
 ended in the Contest that he insensibly pinch'd
 and bruised her, that the next Morning when
 she came to report the Truth of what she had
 undergone, and felt the same appeared as well in her
 punishment and Bruises, which made her Black
 and Blue from the Elbows to the Shoulders, as
 she reported and complained of. And
 though this may not appear strange, I would not
 have any Person censure the same till he be fur-
 ther satisfied therein: Nor would I be so Pre-
 sumptuous to put the same upon the World, and
 thereby to cheat them with a Falsity, had I not
 sufficient Satisfaction thereof, and that from the
 inhabitants themselves, who have often seen the
 same. Nor is the place where the scene of this
 apparition is laid so far off, but that any Person in
 a few hours time may satisfie himself of the Truth
 thereof: In which Relation I am come so far
 from of the particulars that no Person upon in-
 quiry but will meet with the Relation far more
 fully than here set down, and more particular-
 ly as reported by the Master of the House, that
 the *Apparition* aforesaid very often comes into
 the Chamber and took his Cloths off the Bed,
 and his Money and other things about the
 house, but tho this hath often times hapned, yet
 he:

he never lost any thing, nor was his
 damaged in the least, and upon the sight
 of, tho he calls out, yet will not the same
 but if his Wife chances to see it and she
 presently Disappears and rambles into the
 ret; where the Servants are sure to be Troubled
 and Affrighted therewith: And moreover
 hath been credibly said, that in the Yard
 hath been sometimes seen, and often heard
 a Coach to drive about the Yard, in someth
 a great Mastif which was kept for the Secu-
 ty thereof, hath continually Howled every Night
 to the disturbance of all the Neighbourhood
 and is since almost pined away: and the
 Neighbour in the House adjoining hath been
 several times waked by the noise of Groans
 Howlings, and hath risen from his Bed, to
 out of the Window, where he hath upon the
 Ridge of the House perceived to his Astoni-
 ment the shape of a great Dog, and notwith-
 standing all the calling and noise he could
 make, the same would not stir from the said Place.
 Let not therefore the World be still Incredulous
 of Reports of this Nature, and think themselves
 Cheated in this till they have some proof to
 the contrary, this being not the first Account
 of Apparitions of this kind, but many others
 have

been made ~~Evident from the~~ Learned
 ed Pen of Mr. *Glanville*; many of which I
 herein ennumerate would the narrowness
 of this Sheet contain the same: In which for
 Readers better satisfaction I would refer him
 to that Ingenuous Author before mentioned,
 who hath not only given instances of the like
visions in several remarkable Stories and
 Relations of the same, but hath also prov'd the
 truth thereof against the Infidelity of all Deni-
 als whatsoever. And it is further intended by
 the Master of the House that he will obtain the
 aid of some *Divines* to set up and speak to
 the *Apparition*, whereby the same may be qui-
 eted in that it is very Troublefom to the
 Family: and the Person who now lives
 in the said House hath laid out for the con-
 tinuance of his Trade several hundred Pounds
 thereupon.

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